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### NATIONAL HOP ACREAGE STRUNG FOR HARVEST DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM 2005

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 9, 2006--Hops: Area strung for harvest in 2006 for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho is forecast at 28,928 acres, 2 percent less than the revised 2005 crop of 29,463 acres, but 4 percent more than the 2004 crop of 27,742 acres. Washington, with 21,115 acres for harvest, strung 102 acres more than last year's revised acreage. Washington accounts for 73 percent of the U.S. total acreage. Oregon hop growers plan to string 5,036 acres or 17 percent of the U.S. total for 2006, with Idaho hop growers accounting for the remaining 10 percent, or 2,777 acres strung for harvest. Oregon and Idaho growers decreased their hop acreage from last year by 2 percent and 16 percent, respectively, while Washington acreage increased by less than 1 percent.

Aroma hops are mostly halfway to the wire, while alphas are one quarter to one third to the wire. Water supplies are expected to be adequate this season, as precipitation was good this winter and spring. Disease concerns are mostly average this year. Mildew presence is normal. Wide temperature swings this spring have brought on some virus development, but no real impact is expected as temperatures are leveling out.



Hops: Area Harvested by Variety, State, and United States,  
2004-2005 and Forecasted June 1, 2006

State and Variety	:	Area Harvested		:	Strung for Harvest	
	:	2004	:	2005 1/	:	2006
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	:	Acres				
ID	:					
Total 2/	:	3,253	:	3,287	:	2,777
OR	:					
Cascade	:	91	:	62	:	-
Glacier	:	243	:	231	:	*
Golding	:	105	:	105	:	117
Millenium	:	264	:	295	:	258
Mt. Hood	:	215	:	219	:	113
Nugget	:	1,286	:	1,363	:	1,500
Perle	:	259	:	-	:	-
Sterling	:	222	:	276	:	109
Willamette	:	2,175	:	2,273	:	2,301
Other Varieties	:	247	:	339	:	638
Total	:	5,107	:	5,163	:	5,036
WA	:					
Ahtanum	:	-	:	50	:	55
Cascade	:	1,422	:	1,168	:	1,116
Centennial	:	-	:	112	:	-
Chelan	:	201	:	212	:	505
Chinook	:	492	:	489	:	382
Cluster	:	449	:	463	:	352
Columbus/Tomahawk®	:	3,029	:	2,812	:	2,505
Galena	:	3,417	:	3,869	:	3,859
Glacier	:	-	:	48	:	17
Golding	:	36	:	37	:	53
Hallertauer	:	46	:	48	:	49
Millenium	:	1,124	:	1,115	:	910
Mt. Hood	:	39	:	51	:	44
Northern Brewer	:	65	:	-	:	-
Nugget	:	807	:	1,062	:	1,100
Perle	:	47	:	-	:	-
Sterling	:	-	:	93	:	75
Summit®	:	-	:	-	:	66
Willamette	:	3,542	:	4,102	:	4,400
YCR 4 (Palisade®)	:	-	:	54	:	54
YCR 5 (Warrior®)	:	793	:	584	:	414
Zeus	:	2,903	:	3,736	:	4,009
Other Varieties	:	970	:	908	:	1,150
Total	:	19,382	:	21,013	:	21,115
US	:	27,742	:	29,463	:	28,928

1/ 2005 Revised.

2/ Only State totals will be published for Idaho to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

- Included in Other Varieties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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